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Ms. Debbie Fript  
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Dear Ms. Fript:

Re: Himco Landfill  
Elkhart, Indiana

I have been requested by Miles Inc. to respond to correspondence dated September 4, 1990 from Mr. Robert J. Bowden regarding the above subject.

You should be aware a local group including the City of Elkhart have agreed to fund construction of a municipal water line to certain residents along County Road 10 adjacent to the Himco Landfill who are presently using well water. This local group has been working toward this goal for about six weeks with good success and has our full support. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that U.S. EPA action at the time is not required.

We have reviewed a memorandum prepared by the Emergency Response and Consultation Branch, Division of Health Assessment and Consultation, ATSDR, dated August 8, 1990 regarding health consultation on the Himco Landfill. The memo discloses that recent residential wellwater samples from the vicinity of the Himco Landfill show sodium concentrations up to 446 ppm, but no other contaminant was detected at elevated concentration. Indeed the U.S. EPA and Indiana State Board of Health have publicly stated that the residential wellwaters do not contain any toxic or hazardous substance. Further, according to the ATSDR, the presence of the highest levels of sodium merely presents a "chronic" exposure issue associated with long term ingestion by hypertensive patients on salt restricted intakes. The above actions will eliminate this concern.


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As you know, several companies, including Miles, tried to bring a group together in 1989 to perform the RI/FS at the site. At that time other parties refused to participate. We continue to believe voluntary action at this site is preferred and support an amicable resolution of this matter. However, all parties should contribute their appropriate share.

Please send all notices and correspondence to my attention.

Very truly yours,

MILES INC.



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